

Parent Principal Post October 25, 2011

Dear Three Points Parents,

WOW! What do these people – Karen Culver, Beth Douglass, David Baier, Brent Smith, Brent Reys, Duane Harter, Karl Riebeling, Dennis Hurt (Nakamura family), Jaime Heise, Julie Pohl, Nathan Orona, Jim & Holly Reed, John & Kelly Olerud, Danielle Kaczmarek, Greg Kendall, plus their children – 31 in all, have in common? They all came to lend a hand at our Three Points campus work day. On a soggy Saturday morning, there were more than three times as many people as we've ever had! Thanks also to Kevi Belho for



treats, Michelle Blakeslee for the donated flowers, and Aaron Baker for getting us started with tools and supplies. Our school looks much better, both inside and outside, thanks to your hard work! We look forward to another opportunity in the spring to have more fun and beautification of our school!



Staff Luncheon Thanks also to Kim Pua, Lora Baier, Carol Miller, and all the other parents who organized the fabulous luncheon for our staff on Friday!

Reading Test Some of you are aware that students took the Stanford Diagnostic Reading Test (SDRT) this fall before the IOWAs. Students that are in Reading Resource have had those scores sent home. Some of you who do not have students in Reading Resource have asked for your student scores. Your child's teacher has the scores and can share them with you at conferences. If you would like to meet with me to see your child's scores before conferences send me an email and we can set up a conference. -*Buffy Johnson, Reading Resource Specialist*

IOWAS Thanks for everyone's help last week so that students were able to complete these standardized tests in grades 3-6. These results help the teachers, parents, and the school assess student learning and target areas for future focus. Results should be back next month.

Hero of Renewal 5th grader Katrina Carmichael was recognized on Thursday as a "Hero for Renewal" at the Renewal Food Bank's banquet. Katrina worked for over 4 months to collect orders and then cook numerous baked goods, the proceeds from which were all donated to feed the homeless in Bellevue and beyond. She spoke to over 100 adults, and credited her calmness and speaking ability to years of practice in our BCS Spotlight on Speech program.



Parent Principal Coffee #2 on Wednesday: parents of students in K-6 are invited to the library from **8:40 to 9:30 AM** to meet other parents, and to discuss how you and the school can partner this year. Please bring your questions – coffee will be provided!

Just a reminder, Early Dismissal is at 1 pm tomorrow!

B.E.A.R. Week is this week. The events of the week are as follows:

Thursday: Chapel speaker Sally Racketts plus Teddy Bear Picnic – **No nuts, peanuts, or peanut butter in lunches on Thursday!** Bring a teddy bear to school.

Friday: Book Character Day & Author Visit by Richard Jesse Watson

No Halloween costumes Please note that Bellevue Christian School does not celebrate Halloween, and there should not be any students wearing costumes next Monday. Thanks for your respect and cooperation.

Blessings on you and your family!

Steve Kennedy, Principal

Addendum:

Dear Three Points Parents,

October 26, 2011

First off, an important correction – parents **Sandy Gump and Rod Tjoelker** also provided excellent help at our campus work day on Saturday, and their names should have been on the list yesterday.

Secondly, please remember that today is our 1st **Early Dismissal Day**, with students leaving campus at 1:00. Our faculty will be training with Renweb software this afternoon. (There is no band today.)

All 5th and 6th graders will be participating in **next Tuesday's Band/Music Concert** at the Clyde Hill campus, starting at 7:00 PM. Be sure to mark your calendar for an exciting and impressive display of talent.

Those parents who were able to attend the **Kuske Math** presentation last evening found out a lot about "subitizing" and other valuable ways that our students in grades K-3 are learning about number sense. If you missed the presentation and would like more info, their web site is: www.kuskemath.com

Lastly, if you haven't already signed up for **Parent-Teacher Conferences** the Monday-Tuesday before Thanksgiving, please contact your student's teacher.

Does it seem like there are two kinds of weeks: busy ones, or even busier? We can be encouraged and blessed when we remember that God has given each of us enough time and energy to do what he has called us to do: "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:16) Amen!

In Christ,

Steve